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§5–3B–16.

(a) Except as provided in § 5–3B–27 of this subtitle, before ruling on a consensual adoption petition under § 5–3B–20(1) of this subtitle, a court may order a court investigator or child placement agency to conduct any investigation that the court considers necessary.

(b) Before ruling on a nonconsensual adoption petition under §§ 5–3B–20(2) and 5–3B–22 of this subtitle, a court shall order a court investigator or an appropriate child placement agency to investigate and submit a report that includes summaries of:

(1) the prospective adoptee’s emotional ties with and feelings toward the prospective adoptee’s parents, the prospective adoptee’s siblings, and others who may affect the prospective adoptee’s best interests significantly; and

(2) the prospective adoptee’s adjustment to:

- (i) community;
- (ii) home; and
- (iii) school.

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